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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NYERERE ON BROADER AFRICAN ISSUES

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2501 AND 2502

1. IN PRIVATE TALK AFTER SESSION WITH WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS ON NAMIBIA REPORTED REFTELS, NYERERE SAID HE WANTED TO COMMENT BRIEFLY ON "OTHER ISSUES" IN AFRICA WHICH HE AND USG HAD DISCUSSED LAST WEEK. HE WANTED USG TO KNOW THAT HE HAD HAD FROM CASTRO INFORMATION THAT CASTRO HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO RESTRAIN SHABA INVADERS. NYERERE KNEW FROM ANGOLA THAT NETO WAS VERY ANGRY WITH THE KATANGANS, WAS DISARMING THEM, AND MOVING ALL OF THEM BACK FROM THE BORDER. THEIR LEADERS WERE NOW UNDER
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HOUSE ARREST. BEFORE NETO WAS FINISHED, HE WOULD HAVE CREATED AS MANY AS 250,000 NEW REFUGEES IN HIS OWN COUNTRY.

2. KAUNDA WAS VERY ANGRY WITH MOBUTU, NYERERE SAID. MOBUTU HAD ASKED KAUNDA TO TRY TO PATCH UP QUARREL BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE. KAUNDA HAD TALKED TO NETO AND THEN TO MOBUTU. THE VERY DAY AFTER KAUNDA LEFT MOBUTU, MOBUTU HAD MADE HIS STATEMENT ABOUT

ARMING THE OPPOSITION TO NETO. KAUNDA HAS CONCLUDED THAT THIS MEANS MOBUTU IS NOT IN FACT INTERESTED IN RAPPROCHEMENT WITH ANGOLA.

3. NYERERE THEN SAID, RATHER SHYLY, THAT HE WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER WHICH HAD REACHED HIM IN LUSAKA. HE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED THE PRESIDENT'S ASKING HIM TO CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE, AND HE WAS GOING TO DO IT. THERE WERE A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN AFRICA THESE DAYS. I SAID I THOUGHT THERE WAS A LOT TO TALK ABOUT, BUT THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION NOW THAT THE USG WAS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY PROPOSED PAN-AFRICAN FORCE OR IN REESTABLISHING COLONIALISM IN AFRICA. NYERERE AGREED TO THAT.

4. COMMENT: NYERERE MADE NO COMMENT ON OUR STATEMENT THAT HE HAD MISINTERPRETED US GOALS AND ACTIONS IN AFRICA, BUT I KNOW HE HAS IT. THE HESITATION WITH WHICH HE APPROACHED THE MATTERS OF LAST WEEK AND HIS EMPHASIS ON HIS DESIRE TO STAY IN COMMUNICATION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER SUGGEST THAT HE IS REGRETTING HIS OUTBURST. SO DOES THE WARM GENTLE TONE OF OUR CONVERSATION. FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST, THE WAY IS CLEAR FOR FURTHER COOPERATION, CERTAINLY ON NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. WE WILL STILL HAVE TROUBLE, HOWEVER, WHENEVER WE ARE DEALING WITH WHAT NYERERE CONSIDERS A DIRECT US RESPONSE TO SOVIET OR CUBAN MOVES IN AFRICA--AS OPPOSED TO RESPONSES TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS THEMSELVES.

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